

**USMILGP VENEZUELA
UNIT 4980
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**PROCEDURES FOR VETTING CANDIDATES SELECTED
TO ATTEND TRAINING AT U.S. SCHOOLS**

References:

- a. USCINCSO MSG DTG 070257Z NOV 97 – School Of The Americas Student Selection/Screening
- b. SECSTATE MSG 218691 DTG 192156Z NOV 97 – Screening Nominees for U.S.-Sponsored Training Programs
- c. SECDEF MSG DTG 231411Z DEC 97 – Guidance for Screening Candidates for U.S.-Sponsored Training Programs
- d. SECDEF/USDP:DSAA MSG DTG 231614Z MAR 98 – Guidance for Screening Nominees for U.S.-Sponsored Training Programs
- e. SECSTATE MSG 209156 DTG 100202Z NOV 98 – New Legislation Regarding Human Rights Review of DOD-Funded Military Training Activities
- f. DJS MSG DTG 211313Z DEC 98 – Human Rights Verification for DOD-Funded Training Programs with Foreign Personnel
- g. USCINCSO/SCJ5 MSG DTG 220139Z DEC 98 – Checklists for Screening Nominees for U.S. Sponsored Training

Purpose: This paper provides guidance and internal procedures for vetting candidates selected to attend training at U.S. military schools.

Remarks: Per instructions from DOD and SECSTATE in the references cited above regarding vetting requirements, the following procedures have been implemented:

HQ MILGP Responsibilities:

COMUSMILGP notification to the VE Ministry of Defense (MOD) concerning this requirement. MOD notified in memo number 022, dated 12 January 1998 after publication of refs. a and b above.

Section Responsibilities:

As instructed by DOD, State Department and COMUSMILGP, the following will be accomplished following the nomination of the candidate:

1. Inform HC student of vetting requirements during administrative in-brief and prior to departure; can use/cite memo 022 above as reference to this requirement.

2. Interview the candidate on a casual manner to determine inconsistencies, contradictions, or information indicative of possible questionable activities and report to COMUSMILGP for review and determination of suitability for training, or further action(s).
3. Submit vetting request to PAD, DEA, NAS, POL, DAO, CONSULAR and LEGATT offices of the Embassy using the attached memo format.
4. Once the candidate has been cleared of any possible “inconsistencies”, administrative procedures will be completed for his/her departure for CONUS school(s).

Note: Copies of the references cited above are available in the Training Office for review.